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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/626,356  
Confirmation No.: 1551  
Filing Date: July 24, 2003  
Examiner: Rebecca L. Anderson  
Group Art Unit: 1626  
Applicants: Michael R. Hale et al.  
For: ISOXAZOLE COMPOSITIONS USEFUL AS INHIBITORS OF  
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August 1, 2005  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the January 31, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have concurrently herewith submitted a petition to extend the time for a reply by five month(s), up to and including July 31, 2005,<sup>1</sup> and have authorized the Director to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0725 the applicable fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5). Consequently, this reply is timely submitted.

Remarks begin at page 2 of this Reply.

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<sup>1</sup> With the extension of time, a Reply was due July 31, 2005, which was a Sunday. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), the Reply may be filed on the next business day.

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